

REMARKS

This supplemental amendment is submitted pursuant to a telephone interview with the Examiner

Interview Summary

On October 6, 2008 the undersigned attorney and Examiner Dennison discussed the possibility of adding limitations to claim 1, and some of the other independent claims, concerning a “slave state” received by the master from a slave device. The Examiner indicated that such a change to claim 1 would likely advance prosecution.

Changes to Claims and New Claims

Claims 1, 9, 24 and 38 have been amended to require that the master receive a “slave state” from a respective slave, and to replace one occurrence of “determining” with “selecting.” Support for add limitation can be found in claim 28, as well as Figure 4 and at least paragraphs 0050, 0068, 0072-0073, etc. of the specification as filed.

Claims 3 and 32 have been amended to conform to the changes to their parent claims.

New claims 39-42 are computer readable storage medium claims that correspond generally to amended method claims 1-3 and 8-9. Support for these claims is also found in at least Figure 3A and paragraphs 0051-0053. No new matter has been added.

In light of the above amendments, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (650) 843-4000, if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

Respectfully submitted,

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